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FAIRFIELD RESIDENT SENTENCED FOR METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, today announced that on September 18, 2006, **GINGER G. PHILLIPS**, age 35, of Fairfield, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in Benton to a total term of 87 months imprisonment, a fine of \$500, a special assessment of \$100, and a term of 5 years supervised release to follow her incarceration.

PHILLIPS had previously pled guilty to an indictment charging her with conspiring to manufacture and distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine.

Under Federal law, parole has been abolished and defendants are required to serve at least 85 percent of their sentences.

Investigation into the case is being led by the Carmi office of the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force, with the assistance of the Illinois State Police, the Fairfield Police Department, the Carmi Police Department, the White County Sheriff's Department, the Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, the Wayne County State's Attorney's Office, the White County State's Attorney's Office, and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James M. Cutchin.